## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 16, 22, 25-28 and 30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 16, 22, 26-28, and 30 are amended. No claims are cancelled. Claims 35-38 are added. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Furthermore, amendments made to the claims as indicated herein have been made to exclusively improve readability and clarity of the claims and not for the purpose of overcoming alleged prior art.

## INVENTION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Applicants note the file records indicate an Information Disclosure Statement filed on 2/26/08 has not been initialed by the Examiner and placed in the Office's official file. Applicants respectfully request a signed copy be included in the next communication from the Office.

## CLAIM REJECTIONS--35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 22, 26-28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claims allegedly fail to place the invention squarely within one statutory class of invention. This objection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, the Office Action states that the Claims are drawn to a form of energy because "medium" may include signals. In response, Applicants have amended each of Claims 22, 26-28 and 30 to "computer readable <u>storage</u> medium." The amended claims do not reference signals and thus Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

## CLAIMS REJECTION--35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH REJECTION

Claims 1, 4-5, 9, 16, 22, 25-28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was allegedly not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action states the claim limitation "storing the result data obtained from the source in a format that reflects said organization and data type information" in Claims 1, 16, and

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22 was not described in the specification. Furthermore, Claims 4-5, 9, 25-28, and 30 were rejected for the same reason as these claims are dependents of Claims 1, 16, and 22.

However, the Written Specification does describe this limitation. The Written Specification states "... DBMS extracts the query result from the AnyDataSet-formatted container according to the query duration types registered during the compilation phase, in effect parsing each blob according to the field mapping indicated by the query duration types, and copies the extracted field-mapped components of each blob into the output buffers generated at block 211 of the compilation phase." (*Written Specification*, pp. 12-13, para. [0017]).

The Office Action in the "Response to Arguments" stated that the cited section of the Written Specification did not describe the limitation. However, "The subject matter of the claim need not be described literally (i.e., using the same terms or in haec verba) in order for the disclosure to satisfy the description requirement." (MPEP, 2163.02). For example, the Written Specification states the "DBMS extracts the query result from the AnyDataSet-formatted container according to the query duration types registered during the compilation phase." This relates to the "result data obtained from the source" because the query result is the data returned from executing the table function. (Written Specification, para. [0017]). This query result data is stored in the AnyDataSet-formatted container that is an opaque container in the form of an array of blobs. (Written Specification, para. [0017]). The DBMS then extracts the data from the AnyDataSet-formatted container to store the data in output buffers according to the query duration types ("QDT"). To put some terms of the cited section of paragraph [0017] in better context, paragraph [0016] is also considered. When the QDT is first registered during compilation phase, output buffers reflecting the formats of the QDT are generated. (Written Specification, para. [0016], block 211). When the DBMS "copies the extracted field-mapped components of each blob [AnyDataSet-formatted container] into the output buffers," the query result data is stored 'in a format that that reflects the original organization and data type information.' Thus, even though the subject matter of Claims 1, 16, and 22 was not described in haec verba, the disclosure does satisfy the description requirement as stated in MPEP, 2163.02. As such the limitation is described in the Written Specification and the rejection is traversed and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 4-5, 9, 16, 22, 25-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

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**CONCLUSION** 

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims

are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is

believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is

believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

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